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Island Insight

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Brig. Gen. Farmen Assumes Leadership of Joint Munitions Command

The Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command and Joint Munitions Command held their change of command ceremony here, July 9, at Memorial Park. Brig. Gen. Stephen E. Farmen replaced Brig. Gen. Kristin K. French, who relinquished command of JM&L and JMC after two years as the senior leader. French retired from the U.S. Army immediately following the ceremony. She served more than 29 years to her country.

The Joint Munitions & Lethality Life Cycle Management Command is co-located at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey, and the Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois. The JM&L LCMC aligns three organizations to execute the Army's munitions and lethality mission: the Program Executive Office for Ammunition; the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center and the Joint Munitions Command. ([More](#))



Upcoming Dates

- July 10:** Ghost Hunters Dinner & Tour of Quarters One, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 6 p.m.
- July 11:** 153rd Rock Island Arsenal Birthday, RIA Established by Act of Congress on July 11, 1862
- July 14-16:** DA Photos, Bldg. 56, Basement, 7:20 a.m.
- July 15:** Parent to Parent Workshop, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 9 a.m.
- July 16 & 17:** Real Colors Training, Bldg. 56, First Floor, Classroom #1, 8 a.m.
- July 17:** RIA AUSA Annual Golf Outing, Arsenal Island Golf Course
- July 20:** AMC Best Warrior Competition
- July 20:** Stress Management Workshop, ACS Training Room, Bldg. 110, 11 a.m.
- July 22:** Army Community Service 50th Anniversary Celebration, ACS Spaces, Bldg. 110
- July 22:** Couples Communication Class, ACS Training Room, Bldg. 110, 5 p.m.
- July 23:** Corps of Engineers Organizational Day, Memorial Park, 11 a.m.
- July 23:** Council of Colonels, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.
- July 28-Aug. 2:** The Wall That Heals, Memorial Park
- July 28:** BRC-Motorcycle Riding Course, Motorcycle Range, 7:30 a.m.
- July 29:** JMC Organizational Day
- July 30:** BRC2-Motorcycle Riding Course, Motorcycle Range, 7:30 a.m.
- July 30 – Aug. 2:** The Wall That Heals, Memorial Field

Army to Realign Brigades, Cut 40,000 Soldiers, 17,000 Civilians

The most-recently announced cuts will heavily affect six installations, where more than 1,000 Soldiers will be cut. These locations include 3,402 Soldiers at Fort Benning, Georgia; 3,350 Soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas; 2,631 Soldiers at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska; 1,251 Soldiers at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; 1,214 Soldiers at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and 1,219 Soldiers at Fort Bliss, Texas.... When determining which cuts to make, and where, the Army conducted environmental and social-economic analysis of reductions at the Army's 30 largest installations.... "These are incredibly difficult choices," said Brig. Gen. Randy George, director of force management for the Army. "The Army followed a long and deliberate process that included utilization of a [Government Accountability Office]-endorsed military value analysis process, and an inclusive total Army analysis, in order to determine the best construct for the Army, based on the threats we face and the current fiscal environment we must operate in." ([More](#))



French Retires After 29 Years of Distinguished Service to Our Nation

Brig. Gen. Kristin K. French, relinquished command of the Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command and Joint Munitions Command after two years as the senior leader and retired during an official ceremony, held here, July 9, at Memorial Park. The Honorable Alan F. Estevez, Principal Deputy, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, served as the official host, and spoke of French's accomplishments during her service to the Nation. "I got to know Kristin well when she served as my military assistant, from 2009 to 2011. She was the first in her West Point class to make it to the rank of General Officer and she has been touted as the best logistician in the Army. It's an honor for me to be here to celebrate Kristin's 29 years of service," said Estevez. ([More](#))



RIA Soldiers Caddy for Pros, Bill Murray at John Deere Classic

Six Soldiers from the U.S. Army Sustainment Command and First Army, both headquartered at Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, met actor Bill Murray and professional golfers from around the world at the John Deere Classic here, July 8. Every year during the Pro-Am portion of the tournament, Soldiers from the Arsenal are invited to caddy for golf professionals at the 15th hole as part of the Professional Golf Association's Birdies for the Brave program. Staff Sgt. Shawn Hayden, ASC, said he enjoyed interacting with the golfers. "It was so nice to see that the people you see on television are just normal everyday people like ourselves," he said. "What made the event really special was the attention the pros gave us and how they seemed genuinely interested in what we do. I was asked questions about the military and our way of life by all four golfers I caddied for." In addition to meeting pro golfers, the Soldiers spent time with Murray walking down the fairway as he played golf. "For me, it was a unique experience to walk alongside men who've walked alongside each other, serving some higher good that this country is built upon," Murray said. On Sunday, July 12, Soldiers from First Army will act as 'Honorary Starters' at the first hole. The tournament is free to service members and Veterans. Maj. Shawn Muder, ASC; Maj. Wayne Stratton, ASC; Capt. Casey Lasley, ASC; Master Sgt. Michael Giesen, First Army; and Sgt. 1st Class Saudi Plowdeniz also caddied. ([More](#))



ASC CG Serves As 'Grand Marshal' In Local Parade

Maj. Gen. Kevin O'Connell, commanding general, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, served as Grand Marshal in this year's Fourth of July 2015 American Veterans Parade. The parade drew thousands of people who showed their patriotism with red, white and blue banners, outfits and flags. The parade featured floats, marching bands, veterans and civic groups, antique vehicles, and more. "It's an honor to be here as the Grand Marshal of the parade," O'Connell said. "There's a great American town in East Moline, very patriotic." O'Connell shared the Grand Marshal distinction with World War II Navy veteran William Marshall. ([More](#))



First Army Presents Purple Heart to Local Veteran

A local veteran was honored after 50 years for being wounded during the Vietnam War. Maj. Gen. James "Red" Brown, First Army deputy commanding general for operations, hosted a Purple Heart ceremony for Air Force veteran Airman 1st Class John D. Nutzman, today, inside First Army headquarters. "This ceremony is taking place 50 years later than it should have, but it is never too late to do the right thing," Brown said. "To honor and publicly recognize the service and sacrifice of Vietnam Veteran Airmen Jon Nutzman." Nutzman, who lives in Lowden, Iowa, was wounded during an artillery and rocket attack while in Vietnam on August 24, 1965 at Bien Hoa Air Force Base. Nutzman suffered injuries from shrapnel to his back, legs, and arms. ([More](#))



Gen. Via Meets With Army Civilian Interns At Rock Island Arsenal

Gen. Dennis L. Via, commanding general of U.S. Army Materiel Command, met here for a brown-bag lunch July 8, with interns from several Rock Island Arsenal commands subordinate to AMC, to advise and encourage them as they begin their journey as federal employees. "You all have done something very special to be here today," said Via. "Congratulations on being in the intern program." "Many of AMC's most successful people started out as interns," said Via as he turned to his Acting Executive Deputy, Bobby Turzak, who started working for the federal government as a GS-3 intern and is now a member of the Senior Executive Service. Via had some sound advice for the interns. ([More](#))



ASC Soldiers Volunteer at Military Kids Camp

Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Bryant, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, and 16 others from the area volunteered for Military Day at Military Kids Camp (MKC), which was hosted and run by YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln, July 2. Military Day, the youth's third day at the camp, was designed to help military kids better understand some of what their parents experience as military members. Youth learned from military volunteers, rotating through various stations focusing on things like marching, running tactical drills and camouflage face painting. "This offers them an opportunity to go through some of the training that their parents have to go through," said Shirley Dilworth, a contractor with the Illinois Army National Guard who headed the coordination of the day's event. "It's one thing to hear it, and it's another thing to live it. ([More](#))



Strengthening Partnerships Is Goal of Joint Acquisition Sustainment Review

Senior leaders from the U.S. Army Materiel Command, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology and the Joint Munitions & Lethality Life Cycle Management Command met to strengthen the partnership between acquisition and the materiel enterprise at a Joint Acquisition Sustainment Review, here, July 8. The Joint Acquisition Sustainment Review is a forum designed to further develop the partnership between the Assistant Secretary of the Army's Acquisition, Logistics and Technology community and the Army Materiel Command. ([More](#))



OPM Acts to Protect Federal Workers, Others from Cyber Threats

U.S. Office of Personnel Management officials yesterday announced the results of the interagency forensics investigation into a recent cyber incident involving federal background investigation data and the steps it is taking to protect those affected.

21.5 Million Social Security Numbers Stolen

Since learning of the incident affecting background investigation records, OPM and the interagency incident response team concluded that sensitive information, including the Social Security numbers of 21.5 million individuals, was stolen from the background investigation databases. This includes 19.7 million people who applied for a background investigation, and 1.8 million non-applicants, predominantly spouses or cohabitants of applicants, officials said. There is no information at this time to suggest any misuse or further dissemination of the information that was stolen from OPM's systems, they added.

New Resources

Today, OPM launched a new, online incident resource center at <https://www.opm.gov/cybersecurity> to offer information regarding the OPM incidents as well as direct individuals to materials, training, and useful information on best practices to secure data, protect against identity theft, and stay safe online. ([More](#))



OPM Director Katherine Archuleta Resigns

Office of Personnel Management Director Katherine Archuleta stepped down today. Archuleta offered her resignation to President Barack Obama this morning and he accepted. She informed OPM employees of her decision in an email. "I conveyed to the President that I believe it is best for me to step aside and allow new leadership to step in, enabling the agency to move beyond the current challenges and allowing the employees at OPM to continue their important work," Archuleta's email said. "Leading this agency has been the highlight of my career. The OPM family is comprised of some of the most dedicated, capable and hardworking individuals in the Federal Government." ([More](#))



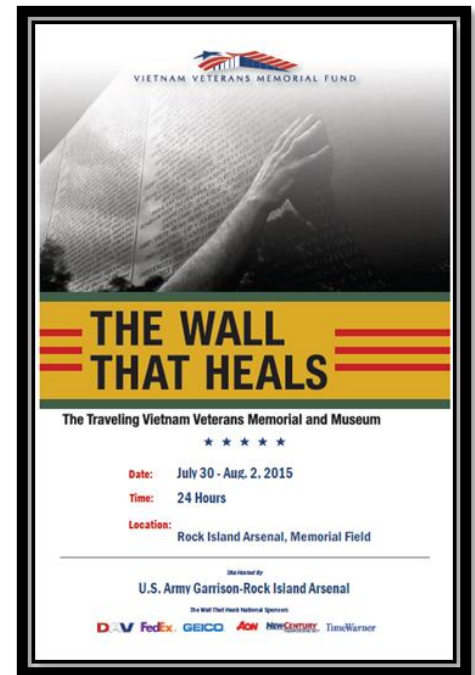
Allyn Stresses 'Soldier Empowerment' As Army Moves toward Global Land Power Network

The Army's vice chief of staff opened the fifth Association of the United States Army "Hot Topic" symposium of the year, June 9, by emphasizing the importance of leadership development, mission command and Soldier empowerment from the bottom up. Pulling together the Army Operating Concept, or AOC, the Army Network Campaign Plan and how they tie into the global landpower network, keynote speaker Gen. Daniel B. Allyn said the AOC recognizes the Army will face networked enemies in the future. Those enemies include, "transitional terrorist networks and nation

states networked with guerrilla and insurgent organizations, which all want to leverage physical and cyber networks to attack and degrade our systems and spread disinformation and propaganda," Allyn said. ([More](#))

The Wall That Heals

The USAG-Rock Island Arsenal, in cooperation with the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Fund, will host The Wall That Heals, **July 29 through Aug. 3**. The Wall That Heals is a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington D.C., and includes a Mobile Museum Display. The Wall and Display will be available for public visitation, 24-hours a day, from **July 30 to Aug. 2**. Rock Island Arsenal leaders would be honored to have your organization participate in this historic event to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War by visiting the display and by having members of your organization volunteer to stand vigil. The VVMF requires volunteers to stand vigil at the event site 24-hours a day to provide short information briefs to visitors and to locate names of fallen warriors on the wall. Volunteers must be at least 18-years of age. Vigil shifts will be divided into three hour shifts. The event site will be located at Memorial Field. Everyone is also invited to attend the opening day ceremony on Thursday, July 30, at 10 a.m. at Memorial Field. For additional information or to volunteer, please contact [Kris Leinicke](#) at 309-782-3518 or [Jeremiah Cowgill](#) at 309-782-2241. Your response by **July 15** is greatly appreciated.



The Army Vision

The recently published The Army Vision 2015-2025: Strategic Advantage in a Complex World is the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army's guidance for building an Army to meet the nation's needs over the next ten years and beyond. The Army Vision defines the unique and enduring capabilities the U.S. Army provides in support of the nation. The Army of 2025 and Beyond will effectively employ lethal and non-lethal over-match against any adversary to prevent, shape, and win conflicts and achieve national interests. It will leverage cross-cultural and regional experts to operate among populations, promote regional security, and be interoperable with the other military services, United States Government agencies and allied and partner nations. ([More](#))

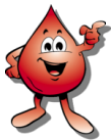
AKO Service Changes

The Army established Army Knowledge Online (AKO) in the late 1990s to provide online information services for U.S. Army personnel. Services included email, collaboration, discussion forums, a directory, and direct access to many DOD and Veterans Affairs (VA) websites. As part of the larger Army network and IT modernization efforts, AKO infrastructure and services are evolving to increase interoperability across the DOD and to achieve strategic priorities of the Army. All Army business processes will move from the current AKO platform to next-generation enterprise services over the course of several years. As many as 1.5 million email users in the Army today have set their AKO email accounts to forward, either to their enterprise email account or another government account. Likewise, over 700 applications use AKO addresses to maintain their user databases and send notifications out to their customers. Ending all forwarding of mail to AKO addresses on June 30, 2015, would significantly impact the operations of the Army, both stateside

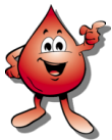
and overseas. Fortunately, users and application owners now have additional time -- until Sept. 30, 2015 -- to take necessary measures to end all dependence on AKO email addresses. ([More](#))

Blood Drives

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the room outside the Lock and Dam Lounge (in Bldg. 60), on **Friday, July 17 and Aug. 13 & 20, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401, ext. 119. A **2nd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **6:30 p.m. on Aug. 13 & 20**. A **3rd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on Aug. 28**. To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2nd or 3rd shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor. **DMC** will host a blood drive **1-4:30 p.m., on Aug. 13**, in the MVRBC Donor Bus parked at Bldg. 350. To donate, please Sgt. First Class Jared Clapper at 309-782-5485 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 1554 to locate the drive.



July & August Blood Drive Hours Extended, Trial Basis: *"The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center drives at Rock Island Arsenal will feature extended hours from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. for the months of July and August. This is taking place as a trial to see if the extended hours will facilitate and enable more Arsenal Island employees to give who may not otherwise have the time in their schedule."*



Summer Blood Donors Entered into Drawing for a 2015 Jeep Patriot: *"This summer, you could win a 2015 Jeep Patriot by giving blood with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center! It's part of the "Made in the USA" promotion to support the blood supply through the difficult summer months, when the rate of blood donation drops by about 20 percent.."*

Also, a slight change in that every donor must present photo ID or a blood donor card to be eligible to donate blood. Arsenal badges are acceptable. The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information [click here](#).

VIOS Schedule for July, August

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **July 14, 15, & 16; and Aug. 4, 5, & 6**. Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for the available times: 7:20 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" on the [VIOS site](#) for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 56, basement, by elevator). Priority is: 1. Active Duty Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official Government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders - Command Photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. All scheduled dates can be found on the [RIA VIOS website](#).

Walking Tours of Locks & Dam 15 in July, August

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' park rangers from the Rock Island District at the Mississippi River Visitor Center, located at Locks and Dam 15 at the west end of Arsenal Island, will conduct two walking tours of Locks and Dam 15 every Saturday and Sunday; one at 10 a.m., and another at

2 p.m. Each tour will last approximately 30 minutes and is weather dependent. Tour size is limited and proper footwear is required. No open toe shoes, sandals or high heels will be permitted. Call 309-794-5338 for information or to register.

RIA AUSA Annual Golf Outing - Save the Date

Save the Date! RIA AUSA will hold its annual golf outing and fundraiser on Friday, **July 17**. Sponsorship and entry forms will be forthcoming soon. Visit www.ria-ausa.org to keep posted about chapter activities. ([Flyer](#))

Hiring Our Heroes

Join us Wednesday, **July 22**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., for a job fair for veteran job seekers, active duty military members, guard and reserve members, and military spouses at the RiverCenter in Davenport. The Employment Workshop begins at 8:30 a.m., while the Hiring Fair is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For additional information and registration visit

www.uschamberfoundation.org/event/davenport-hiring-fair



Tribute to Our Fallen

Since its inception in the summer of 2004, one year after the onset of Operation Iraqi Freedom, a small group, now known as the Mississippi Valley Patriots, has put together a special event to honor those brave souls who had made the ultimate sacrifice. Today Tribute to Our Fallen annual event, held at the Davenport Memorial Park, has grown exponentially. The first few years were dedicated solely to the military in Iraq, Afghanistan, the first responders and civilians lost on 9/11. Since 2008's event, veterans of all eras have been included in this very special remembrance. The event this year is **Aug. 21-23** and is free to the public. Tribute to Our Fallen is staffed around the clock from the opening ceremony, Friday, **Aug. 21**, at 7 p.m., to the closing ceremony, Sunday, **Aug. 23**, at 4 p.m. There are several events scheduled throughout the weekend. The key note speaker is Debbie Lee, GSM/mother of Marc A. Lee, U.S. Navy SEAL, KIA, Aug. 2, 2006. Please invite a friend. Volunteers are always welcome to join on Friday, **Aug. 21**, for setup. ([More](#))



Croquet Tournament Fundraiser to Help Historic House

Step back in time for the fourth annual Colonel's Croquet Party on Sunday, **Aug. 23**, on Arsenal Island at 2 p.m. Dress in your croquet whites (not required) to play the same game of croquet you play in your backyard. Croquet courts will be set up on the lawn of the historic Quarters One, next to the Arsenal Golf Club. Teams of two can play in the fun round-robin tournament. Or there will be courts set up to just join in the fun and play croquet with other enthusiasts in the Quad Cities. We are going to have shorter courts for faster play this year. The championship court will still be full-size. Teams in the tournament portion are awarded a point for each wicket they pass through. There will a review of nine-wicket rules before play begins. Players will compete for the coveted Colonel Davenport trophy. Tickets are \$25 for adults; and \$10 for children 11 years and younger to attend the Colonel's Croquet Party. Hors d'oeuvres, croquet play, wine tasting, and tours of the house are included. This is a rain or shine event. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Jessica Waytenick at 309-737-4280 or purchase tickets online at www.davenporthouse.org.



Save the Date – 8th Annual Cards for the Troops

Please join us on Tuesday, **Sept. 29**, 6:30-9 p.m., at Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, for the 8th Annual Cards for the Troops. Hand-made rubber stamp art cards are created by hundreds of volunteers under the guidance of local stamping artists for our deployed troops to mail home to loved ones. No stamping experience required. To date, 36,000 cards have been sent through Cards for the Troops to our military serving in Afghanistan, Iraq, Africa, and to those aboard our aircraft carriers, the USS Carl Vinson and the USS John C. Stennis. Seating is limited... please RSVP to: mssipple1@gmail.com. Packagers needed also. Adults only (high school and older). There is no charge for this event. Please bring one roll of Scotch double-sided tape – all other materials supplied. See you there. ([More](#))

Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees — **The Venue:** Located at 1405 5th Ave. in Moline, we would like to say thank you to all Rock Island Arsenal personnel – bring in your Arsenal ID/badge on Mondays and receive a 20 percent discount on food and soda (this excludes family feast special). **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off its services located at 2500 18th Street in Bettendorf. **Chocolate Manor:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off their total purchase on any of our award winning homemade chocolates at 110 E. 2nd St., Davenport, just show your ID. **Roosters Sports Bar and Grill:** All military and civilian's get 10 percent off their bill. Come head down for lunch at 2130 3rd St., Rock Island, new specials daily. **Peachwave Frozen Yogurt:** Peachwave, 3431 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, offers a 10 percent discount every day to all military and veterans. *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*



Road, Parking Closures on Baumbeck in Front of Buildings 208 and 210

Commencing **July 13-24**, the Directorate of Public Works will be closing Baumbeck Avenue north of buildings 208 and 210 to all vehicular traffic, parking and pedestrian travel. Barricades will be set up at both east and west ends of the road of the affected areas. North doors of Bldg. 210 Annex will also be closed. Entrance to that office suite will need to be directed through Bldg. 210. Closure is required to install new water mains/fire hydrants in the affected area. All traffic/parking/etc. will be reopened once install is complete and testing acceptance is completed. Closure may require extension if rain events cause delays in the schedule. Bldg. 208 closure will take place **July 13-17**, while the Bldg. 210 closure will take place **July 20-24**. More short closures of these areas will be required in the near future when making the connections to the buildings and making permanent repairs to the road and parking spaces.

Parking Lot Closures

The Directorate of Public Works plans to close parking lots 1D and 1E for repairs. Closure of lot 1D began June 15, with completion expected in six weeks. Closure of Lot 1E would immediately follow with completion expected in six weeks. These lots are located along Rodman Avenue in

front of buildings 108, 109, and 110. Physical changes to the lot configuration will include the addition of curb and gutter and closure of the East Street access point to Lot 1E. Striping changes include removal of all southern parking spaces in order to create a fire lane and the conversion of northern parking spaces to perpendicular parking in order to optimize the remaining parking spaces. Reserved parking changes in the lots include the addition of 10 accessible parking spaces to lot 1E, six short term parking spaces in lot 1E, and four motorcycle parking spaces in lot 1D. All remaining spaces would be open parking. One lane of access to Rodman directly north of Bldg. 109 will remain open to facility parking when the lot is not closed. Drivers are encouraged to use Lot 10 (south of Memorial Field) as an alternative parking lot for the duration of construction. Barricades and signs will be posted to warn and control traffic.

JMC Organizational Day Parking

JMC is hosting an "Organization Day" at Memorial Field on **July 28**. JMC is using 15 spaces that will be blocked off near the pavilion (marked on attached) for the entire day to accommodate vendors, handicap personnel, etc. Parking passes may be issued for the people needing reserved spaces and have them display the pass in their windshield for the duration of the event. Please note, JMC will not be blocking the road off to people who want to use the ATM.

Rock Island Viaduct Sidewalk Closed to Pedestrians

"Sidewalk Closed" signs have been erected at either end of the Rock Island Viaduct sidewalk. These signs were placed because of the tripping hazard that the condition of the sidewalk presents. Attached illustration indicates the suggested alternative route (STR276 American Discovery Trail and Pedestrian Bridge) during the closure.



Building/Space Closures



There are no announcements at this time.



Active Duty/Reserve Zone



Walk-In Pet Vaccination Clinic

The Great Lakes Veterinary Services will be hosting a pet vaccination clinic Wednesday, **July 15**, 1-6 p.m.; and Thursday, **July 16**, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., at the Rock Island Arsenal Fire Department. All active duty military, military reserve and National Guard, military retirees, and dependents with valid identification cards are eligible to use this service. There is a charge for all services provided with payment in cash or check only. Please see [our website](#) for prices. Questions? Please call at (847) 688-5740 ext. 4. Visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/greatlakesvtf.



Survivor Outreach Services Military Night

Come one, come all... let's meet and eat at the Pizza Ranch in Bettendorf, 880 Lincoln Rd., Duck Creek Plaza, Duck Creek Trail Pkwy, on Wednesday night, **July 15**, 6-8 p.m. There will be a room reserved under Survivor Outreach Services. When you come in tell them you are with Survivor Outreach Services and ask for the 15 percent military discount when you pay. Then have them direct you back to the room. There will be a lot of information to share and Survivor Outreach Services is excited to meet you all. Contact Melinda Stoner at 515-421-6127 for questions and to RSVP so they know to look for you.

Bix 7 Road Race Waives Entry Fee

The [Bix 7 Road Race](#), **July 25**, in Downtown Davenport, again this year is honored to be able to waive entry fees for active duty military, guard and Reserve. Complete the [printable entry form](#), enter your military ID number where indicated and mail your entry to us. You must pick up your packet in person at the Bix 7 Expo and show your military ID. Last year several hundred military, guard and reserve participated. Additionally, last year the Bix committee was able to establish two distinctive viewing areas for veterans. The starting line saw several honor flight participants, while the top of Brady and Kirkwood had a large contingent representing the Vietnam veterans. The 41st Anniversary is shaping up to be another great event and we're excited to show our continued appreciation to the military. ([Entry Form](#))

Putnam Museum is a Blue Star Member Institution

The Putnam is now one of more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and the Department of Defense. Any active duty military personnel including National Guard and Reserve, and up to five family members, receive free admission to the Museum and Science Center **Memorial Day through Labor Day**. "We are honored and excited to be able to bring this program to our Quad Cities Military families," said President and CEO Kim Findlay. "Through our participation in the Blue Star Museums program, we are able to show our continued support for all our active military and thank them for their hard work and sacrifices." Leadership support has been provided by MetLife Foundation through Blue Star Families. The program provides families an opportunity to enjoy the nation's cultural heritage and learn more about their new communities after a military move. The complete list of participating museums is available at arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums.



Brides Across America Celebrates Independence Day By Giving Away Free Wedding Gowns Nationwide

Brides Across America is proud to kick off its annual Operation Wedding Gown campaign at participating bridal salons nationwide. From **July 11-18**, in honor of Independence Day, qualified military brides can go into a participating salon and receive a free wedding gown. "Operation Wedding Gown" has grown and we are now able to grant weddings to our military couples in need. Oftentimes military couples find it difficult to plan their "fairy tale" wedding due to deployment, injury and/or economic hardship. With the collaborative effort, Brides Across America has donated more than 14,000 gowns to military brides and has gifted 20 weddings. More information can be found at www.bridesacrossamerica.com.

Battle for the Rock

The Battle for the Rock - Modern Army Combatives Program Tournament, sponsored by Army Sustainment Command and First Army, will take place **Sept. 12** at the Rock Island Arsenal Fitness Center kicking off at 8 a.m. Championship bouts starting will be 2-4 p.m., with the awards presentation immediately following last bout. Participants should include Soldiers and teams on Rock Island Arsenal and in the general area. (Team size will not exceed 14 Soldiers; teams can have a maximum of two fighters per weight class). Registration forms must be received no later than **Sept. 10**. Weigh-ins will be **Sept. 11**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., at the Fitness Center. All registrations must be scanned and emailed to david.r.stephenson8.mil@mail.mil or mailed to United States Army Sustainment Command, WODA USA SUSTAINMENT CMD, 390 / Rm HHC Command Suite Basement SW, Rock Island, IL 61299, ATTN: SFC Stephenson. For more information call 309-782-3234.



Military 4-H Scrapbooking SPIN Club

Explore, Engage, Innovate... the world of scrapbooking. Take photos you have and create a scrapbook that will last a lifetime. Each month youth will learn a new scrapbooking technique and create a page. Snacks will be at each meeting. Eligibility includes military youth, ages 12-18. This program will meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month, **Feb. 18 to Dec. 16**, 5:30-7 p.m., in the Cassion Room, in Bldg. 60. Cost includes a supply fee of \$20; non-4-H members add a \$20 program fee (fee waivers available upon request). [Register online today!](#) Or for more information call the University of Illinois Extension, Rock Island County 4-H Office at 309-756-9978. University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate call 309-756-9978 at least two weeks in advance.



Safety Spotlight



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Motorcycle Riding Courses

The Garrison Safety Office is offering Motorcycle Riding Courses for military personnel. The motorcycle rider training program is certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The courses are designed to help riders manage their risk and increase their skills through riding and classroom instruction. Per DODI 6055.4, DOD Traffic Safety Program, military personnel who operate motorcycles must be appropriately licensed to operate on public highways and must have successfully completed an approved rider or operator safety course meeting the MSF-based State-approved curriculum. Any military member operating a motorcycle on or off Rock Island Arsenal must be in possession of a MSF card when they ride to verify completion of required training. The motorcycle training courses at RIA are scheduled as follows:

- Basic Motorcycle Riding Course: **July 28-29** (two eight-hour days)
- Experienced Rider Course: **July 30** (one eight-hour day)
- Military Sport Bike Riding Course: **Sept. 22** (one eight-hour day)
- Basic Motorcycle Riding Course: **Sept. 23-24** (two eight-hour days)

Registration for courses is through the web-based "AIRS" system at <https://imc.army.mil/airs/default.aspx>

Note: Each course is limited to 12 riders. If a minimum number of riders is not realized or if a need for a particular class is greater than the number of classes scheduled, a class may be cancelled or shifted. If the need exists for additional classes or you need further information please contact either Nancy Carlson or Michael Chaplin via phone extension 309-782-1380 or via email nancy.l.carlson.civ@mail.mil or michael.j.chaplin.civ@mail.mil, respectfully.

Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



DoD Updates Equal Opportunity Policy to Include Sexual Orientation

The Defense Department has updated its military equal opportunity program to protect service members against discrimination because of sexual orientation, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said here today. Speaking at a DoD-Pentagon Pride Month event, the secretary said the department has made a lasting commitment to living the values it defends, including treating everyone equally. "We have to focus relentlessly on the mission, which means the thing that matters most about a person is what they can contribute to it," Carter said. The update, he said, "ensures that the department, like the rest of the federal government, treats sexual-orientation-based discrimination the same way it treats discrimination based on race, religion, color, sex, age and national origin." ([More](#))

Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

Visit the MWR website at www.riamwr.com for information on all MWR programs.

Changes to Hours of Operation at the Island Oasis

Due to low demand, the Island Oasis will no longer be open for breakfast on Mondays and will open one hour later at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday - Friday. There will be no changes to the lunch hours of operation. Also due to a recent spike in egg prices, all menu items containing eggs will increase by 25¢ on Monday, **July 20**. Thanks for your understanding and please call 309-782-8603 with any questions or concerns.

Ghost Hunters Dinner & Tour of Quarters One:

Enjoy a prime rib & chicken buffet at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse Friday, **July 10**, at 6 p.m., and then join the Rock Island Paranormal Society for a tour of Historic Quarters One. The Paranormal Society staff have spent countless hours in this massive Italianate style mansion and will regale you with tales of the paranormal activity they have experienced there throughout the years. The cost is \$35/person and reservations can be made by calling 309-782-4372. RSVP required by **July 8**

*Event subject to change/cancellation based on number of reservations. ([Flyer](#))

First Friday Social

Join your Island colleagues Friday, **Aug. 7**, 4-7 p.m., on the lawn of Quarters One (inclement weather location will be inside the golf clubhouse) for a fun evening of appetizers, drinks, networking, and socializing and karaoke. This event is open to the entire RIA workforce and the general public so bring your friends, family, neighbors, mail man... whoever, just come out and have fun with us. Call 309-782-4372 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

MWR Leisure Travel Office



Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bldg. 333. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., 309-782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))

Outdoor Recreation's Annual Maquoketa River Canoe Trip

Join MWR Saturday, **July 11**, at 9 a.m., for a leisurely day of canoeing, kayaking and tubing on the scenic Maquoketa River. We'll meet at the launch in Monticello, Iowa, where you'll be issued equipment and set loose on the river for a fun day. See the flyer below for all pricing and further details or call 309-782-8630. Register online at: <http://tinyurl.com/RIA-RIVER-TRIP-2015> ([Flyer](#))

Cubs vs. Cardinals Bus Trip

MWR Leisure Travel has a Cubs vs. Cardinals bus trip scheduled. Cost will be \$99 per person to include transportation and ticket to game. Seats are located in Upper Deck Box Outfield. Departing from RIA at 6 a.m. from the COL Davenport Pavilion. Limited alcohol permitted on chartered bus. Coolers must fit under the seats and not block the aisle. No glass bottles. No smoking permitted on motor coach. Estimated return time will be 8 p.m. ([Flyer](#))

Date: **Saturday, Sept. 19**

Time: **12:05 p.m.**

Discount Amusement Park Tickets and More at Leisure Travel

Memorial Day is the unofficial kick off to summer and Leisure Travel has discounts on all kinds of summer activities. Whether you are looking to book a cruise, need help finding a hotel, or just want to ride the rides at Adventureland or Six Flags Great America, Leisure Travel is the place to start. Call 309-782-5890, stop by the office in Bldg. 333 (next to the PX), or [visit our webpage](#) for more info and prices.

Disney LIVE! Three Classic Fairy Tales

Join Mickey, Minnie, Donald and Goofy as they take audiences on a captivating journey and magically bring to life three timeless fairy tale adventures. Discover Snow White as she searches for her one true love; Cinderella getting ready for her magical night at the ball; and Belle, from Beauty and the Beast, as she finds happiness in the most unusual place. Anchored amidst a transforming set, captivating choreography, innovative lighting and breathtaking costumes, this authentically-woven tale of “happily-ever-after” is a heart-warming Disney experience for the entire family. Children One & older need a ticket. Leisure Travel has discounted seats for both performances. Show times at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Seats on sale until **Oct. 9**.

Date: **Friday, Oct. 16**

2015 Adventureland Tickets

Leisure Travel has discounted 2015 admission tickets on sale. Gate price for Adult is \$40; Child is \$35; MWR is \$32. Two years and under free admission.

Davenport Cinemark 53rd 18 + IMAX Theatre

Leisure Travel is selling Platinum Supersaver Prepaid Admission Tickets to Davenport Cinemark 53rd 18 + IMAX theatre (formally 53rd cinemas and RAVE cinemas) These tickets have no restrictions or expiration date.



Parent Education Conference

This seminar, taking place Wednesday, **July 15**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse, is open to anyone (including the general public) and is designed to give parents of children of all ages helpful tips and tactics for raising resilient, well balanced children. The seminar is divided into four individual workshop sessions, see flyer for session topics. Participants may attend any session they wish. For more info or to RSVP, call 309-782-6515 or email: Lorna.J.McDaniel-Wilson.naf@mail.mil. ([Flyer](#))

Soccer and Flag Football Coaches

RIA Child, Youth & School Services is looking for soccer and flag football coaches for the upcoming seasons. Soccer will be for children PreK-4th grade and Flag Football for K-5th grade. Games/practices will be on the Rock Island Arsenal and at Two Rivers YMCA weeknights this fall. Some of the Benefits of becoming a coach:

- Free Sport Specific Training
- Free National Alliance for Youth Sports Certification
- Head Coaches children can participate at no cost
- Assistant Coaches may have one child participate at no cost and additional children at discounted rate.

If you are interested in becoming a coach or would like to find more information please contact Tim Hernandez at timothy.c.hernandez2.naf@mail.mil or 309-782-0511.

RIA CYSS Punt, Pass, & Kick

RIA CYSS will be hosting a free NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition open to all military and DoD civilian children ages 6 to 15 on Saturday, **Aug. 22**. The competition will take place at Cannon Flats starting at 10 a.m. [Registration is online here](#) or by stopping down to the School Age Center in Bldg. 150. For each age division, the top scorer for each boys' division and the top scorer from each girls' division at each local competition advances to the sectional competition. The top scorers sectional competition have the opportunity to advance to the Chicago Bears Team Championships. ([More](#))

Covenant Cottage Child Development Home

Covenant Cottage Child Development Home is available for backup, emergency, and hourly care for ages four weeks through 12 years. The home is located on post and is open from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Army Family Covenant Guidelines state deployed Soldiers are entitled to 16 hours free respite childcare per child, per month. For reservations call 309-782-6793. We encourage you to call as far in advance as possible because spaces fill quickly.



ACS is located in Bldg. 110, 1st floor SE; [Visit our ACS website](#) or phone 309-782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. [Find us on Facebook click here](#). 24/7 Sexual Assault Hotline: **309-229-8412**.

Stress Management Workshop

This free workshop taking place Monday, **July 20**, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., in the Army Community Service Training Room, will teach techniques that focus on breathing and mindfulness that will help alleviate stress in your daily life. Call 309-782-0829 for more info and to sign-up. ([Flyer](#))

Couples Communication Class

Gain knowledge and learn skills that will enhance communication in your relationships on Wednesday, **July 22**, 5-7 p.m., in the Army Community Service Training Room. Participants need to RSVP to ACS 309-782-0829. ([Flyer](#))

Army Community Service 50th Birthday Celebration

On July 25, Army Community Service will be celebrating its 50th Birthday. For 50 years and counting, ACS has been committed to building the readiness, resilience and self-sufficiency of Soldiers, Families, Retirees and civilians in Army communities worldwide. Come celebrate with us Friday, **July 24**, 12-2 p.m., in the Army Community Service spaces, Bldg. 110, at our open house & ice cream social. For more info, call 309-782-0829. ([Flyer](#))

Wrights Law

For many special needs Families, the search for support resources is never-ending. The capabilities and advantages of the internet provide a wealth of special needs information and resources to the Families that need it most. One of the better online resources available to all Families is www.wrightslaw.com. The website was created by two adjunct professors, Pete and Pam Wright, who taught courses on special education law and advocacy, and are co-founders and faculty at the William and Mary Law Institute of Special Education Advocacy. Pete is an attorney who represents children with special education needs. Pam is a psychotherapist who has worked with children and families since the 1970s. The website offers a free weekly newsletter, "The Special Ed Advocate," the "Wrightslaw Way Blog," a listing of offered and available training sessions scheduled across the country, tips for special education law, and strategies to best serve your child(ren)'s special needs educational requirements, just to name a few. The great resource on the website is the legal aspect, examples of cases around the country that can provide great insight to the benefits available to

special needs children based on case law. Books, DVDs, and links to other special needs resource websites are also readily available. The few minutes you spend checking out this online resource will be well worth your time. Individuals may contact the Exceptional Family Member Program coordinator at Army Community Services at 309-782-4736/0829 for more information on this topic or other special need resources. *Disclaimer: This article is provided as information only. It is not a government endorsement of the website or services, products, or legal advice found therein.*

Employee Assistance Program



ASAP/EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor; visit our [ASAP/EAP website](#) or phone 309-782-4357 or 309-782-HELP. Office hours are from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After Hour Emergencies: 309-782-6116. Rock Island Arsenal Emergency Services will contact an EAP counselor who will call you back promptly. [Find us on Facebook click here.](#)

Summer Blues – July 2015

School's out and the kids are home enjoying the long days of summer; or maybe not. While July is considered by some to be the happiest month of the year, sometimes the change in routine or expectations of the season can lead you or your children to feel depressed. Depression in children or their parents is a concern as either can negatively affect a child's wellbeing. Children who are depressed may miss out on being with their peers and enjoying activities. It is also more likely for children who grow up with a depressed parent to be depressed in adulthood (Weissman, Wickramaratne, Nomura, Warner, Pilowsky & Verdeli, 2006). The good news is that treatment can help. A study reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that when mothers achieved remission of their depression symptoms through treatment their children also became less likely to be depressed ([National Institute of Mental Health, 2006](#)). Because treatment for mental health conditions can improve not only your life but also your children's, the Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program invites you to take advantage of the free and confidential counseling and referral services that the program has to offer. Schedule an appointment with an EAP counselor by calling 309-782-4357. Master-level counselors can provide information, short-term counseling, and referral services. If you have any concerns about depression, talk it over with a trained professional at the EAP. You can also access an anonymous screening at www.militarymentalhealth.org.

Education/Training Review



The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, west end of the building. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: 309-782-2065 Fax: 309-782-7901. [Please visit our website to learn more.](#)

St. Ambrose University Master of Organizational Leadership Lunch and Learn

St. Ambrose is hosting informative lunch-n-learn sessions to describe how you can take advantage of special tuition rates available for MOL students. In support of our military and civilian personnel on the Arsenal, SAU offers special pricing at a fraction of the regular tuition rate for MOL students. The sessions will take place **July 28** in Bldg. 56, Room 116, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. or 12-12:30 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. Priority will be given to military personnel. RSVP NLT **July 22** to reserve your seat. Call 563-333-6170 or leonardmichelem@sau.edu. The Garrison POC is [Michelle Beck](#) at 309-782-0965.

Veteran's Education Benefits

Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice & Accountability Act of 2014, requires VA to disapprove programs of education for payment of benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill & MGIB-Active Duty at public IHLs if the school charges qualifying veterans and dependents tuition and fees in excess of the rate for resident students for terms beginning after **July 1** this year. To remain approved for VA's GI Bill programs, schools must charge in-state tuition and fee amounts to "covered individuals." • A Veteran who lives in the state in which the IHL is located and enrolls in the school within three years of discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more. • A spouse or child using transferred benefits who lives in the state in which the IHL is located & enrolls in the school within three years of the transferor's discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more. • A spouse or child using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship who lives in the state in which the IHL is located and enrolls in the school within three years of the service member's death in the line of duty following a period of active duty service of 90 days or more. www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/702.asp

Student Loan Forgiveness for Corinthian College's Students

Over the past six months, following enforcement actions by the federal government and other authorities, Corinthian Colleges, Inc., sold most of its schools and later closed the remaining ones. Numerous students have inquired about forgiveness for their federal loan debt from attending Corinthian schools. Visit the following link for more information.

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about/announcements/corinthian>

Annual Commencement Recognition Ceremony

Save the date! The Rock Island Arsenal Army Education Center will host an Annual Commencement Recognition Ceremony to provide an occasion for service members to express pride in their academic accomplishments and for the Department of the Army to acknowledge the same. Where: Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, Rock Island Arsenal. Time: 1-3 p.m.; the ceremony begins at 1 p.m. with a reception to follow. Any Soldier who has graduated in the last year and would like to participate is encouraged to contact us.

Date: **Thursday, Sept. 10**

Area Schools to Visit RIA

The [Army Continuing Education Systems Rock Island Arsenal](#) is coordinating with Quad-City area schools to have them visit with eligible Ed Center patrons where they will meet with school representatives and learn about educational opportunities in the Quad Cities. These visits will take place in Bldg. 56, Room 121, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The schedule for this fiscal year is: • Ashford University, **July 23**; • Eastern Iowa Community College, **Aug. 6** and **Sept. 3**; • Kaplan University **Aug. 13**; • Saint Ambrose University, **July 16**; • Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, **Aug. 20**; • Upper Iowa University **Aug. 12**.

Defense Commissary Agency / Exchange



The [Rock Island Commissary](#) and the [Exchange](#) are for active duty military and retirees only. There are exceptions for select items (mainly consumable) at the Exchange that can be purchased by Arsenal Island employees with ID. The Commissary makes fresh fruit baskets daily for you! Shopping for someone who has everything? Problem solved. They are hungry for fresh fruit. Just buy them a fruit basket and relax. Ask our friendly staff to make you one or order one in advance. Check out local specials and get POC information [HERE](#). For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: www.commissaries.com ([Facebook](#))

148 Years of Commissary Excellence

This month marks the 148th anniversary of the modern commissary benefit! In July 1867, Congress authorized the Army to begin selling food items – called "commissary goods" – at cost to soldiers of all ranks. This began the modern era of retail food sales on military installations. 148 years later, we are still proud to serve you! [To learn more about the history of the commissary benefit, read our news release.](#)

Arsenal Archive



Information for the Arsenal Archive is made available by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. ([website](#))

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – July 6-12

In July 1878, excavation work for Shop K (Bldg. 68) began. On July 6, 1978, a ceremony was held at RIA to celebrate the completion of the first two of 19 M198 155mm towed howitzers to be manufactured and assembled at the RIA. In July 1962, the RIA acquired from Watertown Arsenal the responsibility for support development, industrial engineering, manufacture, and maintenance engineering on carriages, mounts, recoil mechanisms, and loaders for towed anti-aircraft guns; and carriages, recoil mechanisms, limbers and wagons for field guns and towed howitzers of calibers larger than the 155mm gun and eight-inch howitzer. **Congress passed an Act on July 11, 1862, which established an arsenal at Rock Island.** On July 12, 1950, the RIA responded to an emergency and shipped the first 3.5 rocket launcher (bazookas) to Korea during the early days of the conflict.

Healthbeat



Summertime Means the Start of Skin Protection Season

It is finally summertime, so what better way to celebrate than by going out and enjoying the summer sun? You probably put on sunscreen before going swimming or going to the beach because you know that the sun's ultraviolet rays, or UV rays, can damage your skin in just 15 minutes. But wait, not so fast! You are in danger from the sun's UV rays any time you are outside. Ultraviolet radiation is defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as the "part of sunlight that is an invisible form of radiation." There are two types of harmful UV rays: ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB). While UVA is the most dangerous type, the CDC cautions that UVB rays can also have negative health effects. Too much exposure to UV rays can cause sunburn, where the radiation literally burns your skin and causes it to age prematurely. Along with being painful, sunburn can have long-term consequences. The World Health Organization warns that UV rays cause damage to skin cells that can result in skin cancer along with other harmful effects to your eyes, skin, and immune system. The National Cancer Institute cautions that skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States and getting just one blistering sunburn increases your risk. ([More](#))

Protect Yourself from Insect, Tick-Borne Diseases

Insect and tick-borne diseases, such as malaria, dengue fever, yellow fever and Lyme disease are serious health threats which cause human misery, hardship and more than one million deaths worldwide each year. Many of these diseases can be prevented using a few simple protective measures. Preventing Bites: Protect exposed skin from bites by applying EPA-approved repellents containing DEET or Picaridin. Wear permethrin-treated clothing, which repels ticks, mosquitoes and other biting insects. Some military uniforms and civilian outdoor clothing come pre-treated with permethrin. These garments are highly recommended because factory-treatment lasts the lifetime of the garment. If your uniform or clothing has not been treated with permethrin, you can treat it yourself with commercially-available aerosol/pump-spray products containing 0.5 percent permethrin, which typically lasts for six weeks and six washings. Wearing long pants and long-sleeved shirts also reduces bites by covering your skin. ([More](#))

Notes for Veterans



Congress Oks New ID Cards for All Veterans

Congress on Tuesday approved plans to offer new veteran ID cards to honorably discharged service members, in an effort to more easily prove their military service. The measure passed through the Senate and House without objection, but took several years to get through Congress. The Obama administration has expressed reservations about the need for the new IDs, but has not threatened to veto the legislation. The measure, sponsored by Rep. Vern Buchanan, R-Fla., would create official VA cards for all veterans, instead of only those who qualify for certain health care and financial benefits.



Supporters called it a simple move to honor the sacrifice and service of veterans. "This legislation will assist veterans in proving that they are indeed veterans," said Rep. Mark Takano, D-Calif. "The majority of service members leave before retirement ... and are sometimes challenged to provide proof of their honorable service. This is a simple way to resolve this issue." The cards would not replace medical IDs or official defense retiree IDs for veterans, and could not be used as proof of eligibility for obtaining federal benefits. But they would serve as easy proof of military service for many veterans who complain they have to carry around copies of their discharge paperwork to get discounts or services at a host of private businesses. Buchanan argued that practice is at best cumbersome and at worst unsafe, given the personal information included on those official documents. Veterans requesting the IDs would have to pay a small fee, to be determined by Veterans Affairs officials. That fee would cover the cost of the program. The measure heads to the White House to be signed into law. No time frame has been established for when the first ID cards might be issued. ([More](#))

Around the Q.C.



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July 6-12: [John Deere Classic PGA TOUR](#) (TPC Deere Run golf course, Silvis, Ill.)
July 9-11: [Walcott Truckers Jamboree](#) (Iowa 80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa)
July 11: [Rally in the Valley Cruise-in](#) (Coal Valley, Ill.)
July 15-19: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (Fairgrounds, East Moline)
July 16: [Poetry Spoken Word "New Edition"](#) (The Grape Life, 3402 Elmore Ave., Davenport)
July 17: [Rock Island Arsenal Chapter AUSA Annual Golf Outing](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course)
July 18: [7th Annual Bark in the Park 5k Fun Run/Walk](#) (Geneseo City Park, Geneseo, Ill.)
July 22: [Hiring Our Heroes employment event](#) (RiverCenter in Davenport)
July 24-25: [Downtown Street Fest](#) (2nd Street in downtown Davenport)
July 25: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 30-Aug. 2: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (RiverCenter/Adler Theatre, Davenport)
Aug. 4-9: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)
Aug. 6: [Freedom Run 5k](#) (Moline)
Aug. 7-8: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Aug. 13-15: [Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)
Aug. 15: [Graduation Destination, Take the Journey, Finish It!](#) (River's Edge, 700 W. River Drive, Davenport)
Aug. 15: [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)
Aug. 21-23: [Tribute to Our Fallen](#) (Davenport Memorial Park)
Aug. 22: [2nd Annual LIVEFIT with Lupus Golf Outing](#) (Palmer Hills)
Aug. 28-29: [River Roots Live](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Aug. 28-30: [World Series of Dragracing](#) (Cordova Dragway, Cordova, Ill.)
Sept. 4-7: [Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, downtown Davenport)
Sept. 5-6: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
Sept. 5-7: [Labor Day Weekend Pow Wow](#) (Black Hawk State Historic Site, Rock Island)
Sept. 12: Battle for the Rock (RIA Fitness Center)
Sept. 12: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 12: [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)
Sept. 12-13: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 18-19: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
Sept. 19: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Sept. 19-20: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Sept. 27: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (downtown Moline)
Sept. 25-27: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)
Oct. 3: [Gigi's Run](#) (Veteran's Memorial Park, Bettendorf)

Oct. 4: [SmokeEater Scramble](#) (Riverdale, Iowa)
Oct. 10: [Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta](#) (Mississippi River in Moline)
Oct. 11: [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire, Iowa)
Oct. 29: [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Oct. 24: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Nov. 20-29: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
Nov. 21: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 21: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (Downtown Moline)
Dec. 4-6: [Heartland Emergency Response Conference Expo](#) (QCCA)

Island Insight



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